

Remarks

As an initial matter, Applicants recently changed the power of attorney and correspondence address for this application, as indicated in the file history. Applicants hereby respectfully request that the Patent Office identify future correspondence for this application with the new Attorney Docket Number FLG-002.

The Patent Office has required Applicants to elect one of nineteen allegedly distinct inventions, identified as Groups I - XIX in the Restriction Requirement of February 10, 2006. Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I, namely claims 1-33.

In addition, the Patent Office has required Applicants to elect from each of the following two alleged sub-species types, a single disclosed species (one combination of elected sub-species types):

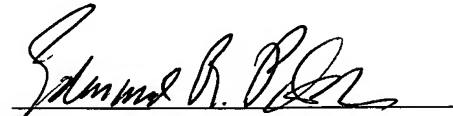
1. target biomolecule (for example, one of claims 12-14); and
2. interaction domain (for example, one of claims 17, 29, or 31).

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the following: in sub-species type 1, Applicants elect the target biomolecule identified in claim 12, namely a DNA sequence operably linked to a target gene; in sub-species type 2, Applicants elect the interaction domain identified in claim 31, namely, an interaction domain comprising a zinc finger motif. Within elected Group I, claims 1-12, 15, 16, 18-28, and 31-33 read on the elected combination of species.

Applicants understand that the Office perceives claims 1 and 4 as generic, and that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants are entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowed generic claim. Applicants understand that the claims will be restricted to the elected species if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable, and reserve the right to pursue claims readable on any of the non-elected species in one or more related applications if the species election requirements are maintained.

Applicants respectfully request that the application now proceed promptly to examination. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions about this paper. Early favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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